



**May/June  
2005**

# Eastern Express

## The Newsletter of the Eastern Library System

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### From the Administrator

*Kathy*

According to the Eastern Library System bylaws, the system must hold an annual meeting each year. This year's annual meeting will be held on June 3 at the LaVista Public Library, but even if we weren't required to have an annual meeting, we would anyway as it is so beneficial to get librarians from all types and sizes of libraries together to discuss library issues and happenings. Plus, Nancy and I are able to visit with everyone. Last year over 90 librarians, media specialists, trustees and Friends attended the full-day event. Comments from last year's attendees included: Excellent content and facilities. First time I have ever attended and it was great. Great value for \$16. A terrific day with wonderful content. The only negative comment received was—No coffee at lunch!

So I want to invite everyone to this year's annual meeting, and I promise there will be coffee at lunch as well as time to greet friends, visit our exhibitors, and take back some ideas that will benefit your library. Sessions will include:

### Follow Your Dream

The morning will start off with a presentation by Dean Jacobs, author of *Wondrous Journey: The World is Waiting For You*. Jacobs, born in Wahoo and raised in Fremont, graduated from Wayne State College. After 13 years of success in the business he decided to follow his dream by traveling for al

most two years to 28 countries taking photos wherever he went. The intention of his photos is to focus on what is similar between people and honoring the differences through acceptance. Jacobs has given numerous presentations throughout the region. To find out more about his adventures visit his web site at [www.travel4life.org](http://www.travel4life.org).

### Measuring the Effectiveness of Your Library

Jody Howard has held many positions in her career including teacher, public library reference librarian, and school library media specialist. Currently she is the School Library Program Manager for the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center. She, along with Su A. Eckhardt, are the authors of *Action Research: A Guide for Library Media Specialists*. Attend this ses-

sion to learn the process of reflective problem solving through action research. The presenter will offer examples of how action research principles can be used for improving library services. Howard will tell us how to point to the successful library programs and validate the importance of the library. The information she provides will be valuable to all types of libraries—school, public, academic and special. I had the opportunity to meet Jody Howard last fall at the MPLA Conference and am extremely pleased she is able to come to the ELS Annual Meeting.



### **Raising Funds on e-Bay**

Denise Lawver, Children's Librarian and Mary Fenton, President of the Wahoo Friends group will talk about how they are raising money to fund a Friends of the Library Bookstore for their new library building that is under construction. Currently they have raised \$8,000 of the \$20,000 goal by selling on e-Bay donations of all sorts of items from members and library users. Find out how your library could do this too.

### **Library Trustee Survey**

Last fall, Lynn Bradman, Metropolitan Community College Instructor and doctoral student, at the request of the Nebraska Library Commission and the Regional Library Systems, designed and mailed a questionnaire to 1255 current and past public library trustees. The intent of the survey was to gather demographic information and to evaluate the trustees' understanding of their library boards' policies, activities, behavior roles, and preferences for educational topics and delivery methods. From the response rate of around 52%, valuable information was gained that will help determine the content and delivery of educational program.

### **Using Heritage Quest to Find Your Ancestors**

Every wonder where your great grandfather was born or when your family first came to the U.S.? Shannon Behrhorst, director of Network Services, Library Commission, will explain how to use Heritage Quest, a genealogy online database provided at no cost to Nebraska libraries by the Library Commission. Heritage Quest allows you to research your family history on one of the largest genealogy collections in the country.

In addition to these great programs, we also promise you a great lunch, the chance to win a door prize, and the opportunity to meet friends and grow professionally. See you on June 3rd!

*I've traveled the world twice over,  
Met the famous; saints and sinners,  
Poets and artists, kings and queens,  
Old stars and hopeful beginners,  
I've been where no-one's been before,  
Learned secrets from writers and cooks  
All with one library ticket  
To the wonderful world of books.  
~ Anonymous*

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# Trustee Tips

Since the summer months are often when new members join the library board, the two articles below are timely.

## Getting New Members Up to Speed — Fast

Who helps new board members ramp up quickly? Do current board members, especially members of the governance or nominating committee, take on this job?

Whether the orientation takes place on a Saturday morning or in a special pre-retreat session, here are topics that can help incoming board members get a handle on their work.

### Key Issues to Cover

Some board members may be facing their first such “job.” So, the orientation should include an overview of the nonprofit sector. In addition, it should include:

1. An overview of the organization, including mission, history, programs, finances, fundraising and the strategic plan.
2. Info about the board, e.g., its committees and task forces, who the officers are and a little bit about individual board members. (Some groups put together a “board bio book” for just that purpose.)
3. Guidance about board roles and responsibilities, including board oversight and governance. These days that’s more important than ever; board members will need to get up to speed about reading financials.

Note: Although board orientation is for new members, it can provide a good refresher for current directors.

[From “Presenting Board Orientation” by *Board Source*, *Nonprofit Board Report*, March 2005.]

## Board Orientation

A good orientation includes the following information:

- List of board members, their contact information, and their terms of office
- Description of board committees
- Bylaws of the board
- Library’s vision and mission statement and any planning documents.
- Copies of the current library policies
- Copies of the current budget and the latest audit report
- Board minutes for the last six months

- Annual reports for the last five years
  - Diagram of organizational structure
  - A copy of your state’s library laws, including public meeting acts and library privacy laws
  - Your state’s trustee manual
  - Description of the library’s programs, services, and hours, the most current annual statistical report and any other evaluative data
  - Brochures or other publications about the library
- [From, *The Successful Library Trustee Handbook* by Mary Y. Moore. This book can be interlibrary loaned from the system office.]

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**§ Note from the Editor:** (for public library directors)  
I would really appreciate an occasional update of your trustees with their addresses and who they replace on your board. This is helpful in making sure that they receive the *Eastern Express* and any other mailings. Thank you to those who have kept me informed. You can email me a list - **Nancy**  
nrmeyer@alltel.net

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## Board Meetings

Would your library be interested in hosting an ELS Board meeting in the coming months? Our meeting dates for FY 2005-2006 are:

July 15  
September 16  
November 18  
January 20  
March 17  
May 19



We need a meeting space with a table for about 15 - coffee and goodies are always appreciated. We meet at 9:30 am for about 2 hours. Some on the board stay for lunch at a local restaurant. We welcome any of the staff to sit in on the meeting and we love to tour the library or media center.

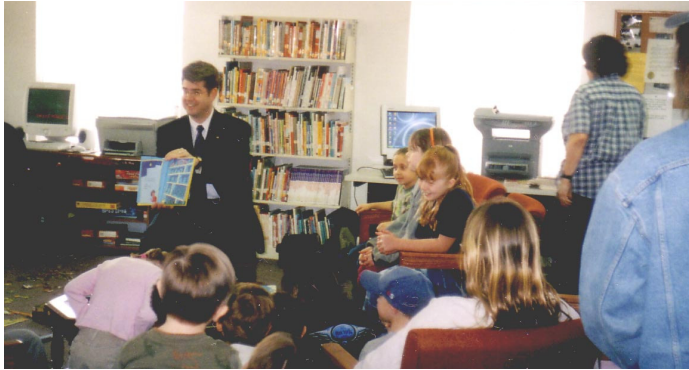
A special thanks goes to **Tammy Lorenz** who has served on the ELS Board for six years and to **Lori Long** who has only been on the board for a short time and is moving out of the system. We truly appreciate the time and effort of each of our board members. The Eastern Library System is fortunate to have a wonderful board of directors.

# System News



## Valley

Congressman, Lee Terry, came to the Valley Public Library to read to about 20 children for Dr. Seuss' birthday.



The Valley Public Library realized over \$1000 from a Valentine's Tea fund-raiser held in February. Kathy, Nancy and several area librarians enjoyed this event very much.

## Grants Awarded

The 2005 LSTA grants have been given to the following ELS libraries, including one to the Regional Library System.

- ✓ Blair Public Library
- ✓ Keene Memorial Library, Fremont
- ✓ Lyons Public Library
- ✓ Omaha Public Library

## Scholarship Raffle Winner

Ann Stephens, Director of the Keene Memorial Library in Fremont, is the winner of two tickets to the Berkshire Hathaway Annual Meeting. The Louise Nixon Scholarship Fund winter campaign netted \$770.00.

## Omaha Public Library

The Washington Branch began a new family reading program this spring called "Prime Time." Families meet each Thursday evening for a six weeks. They are provided books to read which emphasize various values with a storyteller and a discussion leader. An evening meal is provided along with

babysitting for the very small children. The library is not charging for this program and help with transportation is provided if necessary. Kudos to the staff who are temporarily located elsewhere while their branch is being remodeled.

## Arlington

To help celebrate National Library Week, the Arlington Public Library features a special display of quilts, crochet, knitting and other needlework. The library's collection of needlework and crafting books was highlighted during the week.

## Offutt

The Offutt Air Force Base Library's catalog is now on the web at <http://accc.sirsi.net>. This site includes the catalogs of all of the libraries in "Air Combat Command" and "Special Operations Command." Users can choose a specific library or "all" libraries. Air Force libraries hold not only material relevant to the operation and history of the military, but college support, juvenile, and recreational materials as well. Almost all of the times in Offutt's collection are available for interlibrary loan, with priority service to Nebraska libraries. If you have questions Becky Sims, Director, would be happy to answer them [Rebecca.Sims@offutt.af.mil](mailto:Rebecca.Sims@offutt.af.mil).

## UNMC

In the March issue of *Journal of Library Administration* there is an article entitled, "A Systematic Approach to Assessing the Needs of Distance Faculty." Two of the authors are Nancy Woelfl and Elizabeth Lyden of UNMC and deals with how they did a needs assessment of faculty providing distance education. Copyright clearance and lack of awareness of library services were some of the issues seen as problematic to distance faculty.

## Mover and Shaker

Siobhan Champ-Blackwell, Creighton University Health Sciences Library, has been named to Library Journal's 2005 Outstanding Librarian list and received the "Movers & Shakers Award." At Creighton she is the community outreach liaison and works to help minorities to access cultural health information. ➔



She also works to build partnerships with community-based organizations. She was one of 51 honorees in 2005 that was selected from among more than 150,000 librarians in the United States and Canada. In the article, Sioghan stated that the accomplishment she is the proudest of is her web log, Bringing Health Information to the Community (<http://medstat.med.utah.edu/blogs/BHIC>)

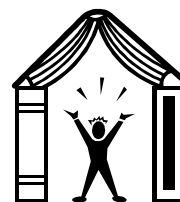
### Papillion

The Sump Memorial Library kicked off National Library Week with a Jazz Concert on April 10th in the library presented by the Chad Stoner Trio. A number of patrons attended, and we found out how wonderful the acoustics in the library are.



### The Library and Me

by Karla Shafer, Director of the Hooper Public Library  
[printed in the *Scribner Rustler*]



When driving into Hooper  
Down main Street you will see  
The grocery store, the Office Bar,  
Hair Depot, and then me.

You will find me on the corner  
Southeast on Elk and Main  
The Hooper Public Library:  
My dream came true, the name.

The books, the “stacks,” the DVDs  
Are waiting there with me.  
Come in the door, come check it out,  
The Library and me.

The patrons check out books and things  
From shelves where they can see,  
And if they’re late upon return,  
They kindly pay a fee.

The children are a special treat  
When coming in they say,  
“Hi there, Mrs. Shafer!”  
It really makes my day.

The teens wait for computer time  
To research and to play  
The many games on Internet.  
And win? Now, who can say?

The grown up folk, the families too  
Come in and fill their need.  
Adventure, strength, and jollity  
Are all in what they read.

So come on in, do find the time  
To see what you can see.  
We’re right downtown, a resource find,  
The Library and me.



## For Children's Librarians & Media Specialists

**Two \$500 Eastern Library System Children's / Youth Services Grants** were awarded this spring to Baright Public Library (Ralston) and the Agnes Robinson Waterloo Public Library. Dee Huff, children's librarian at Baright, plans to use the funding to start a new "Literature and Art" program. The grant money will be used to "Encourage All Children and Youth to Read" at the Waterloo Library according to director, Linda Oyster. Congratulations to both libraries!

### **PUNderful Lists!**

Our teachers love contests—especially when chocolate is involved! When our library receives new books, we type up a list; call number, author, title, and distribute it to our staff. To encourage them to look thru the list we put one fake title on each page. The teacher who finds all the fake titles first wins a large candy bar. Sample title we have used: *The History of Moving Pictures* by Anna Mation. *Rapid Wealth in a Financially Uncertain World* by Robin Banks, etc. Deborah Dick & Deborah Davis / Kickapoo High School Springfield, Missouri  
[Seen in *Library Media Connection*, March 2005]

If you would like a copy of "**VOYA'S 20th Annual List of Top Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror Selection for 2004**" the system office will interlibrary loan you one. The almost 60 titles were ones the reviewers were willing to "go to the mat" for.

**The Libri Foundation**, an Oregon-based non-profit organization, donates new hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries. Libri's grants are in the forms of free board

and picture books for kids in grades six and under. The foundation matches money raised by a library on a 2-to-1 basis up to \$350, so the maximum a library can receive is \$1,050 worth of titles, the equivalent of about 70 to 100 books. Libraries get to choose from a well-researched list of 700 titles. Applicant libraries should serve a population under 10,000 (usually 5,000), have a limited budget, be in rural area, and have an active children's department. The next application deadline is August 1; for more information, consult their web page at [www.librifoundation.org](http://www.librifoundation.org).

### **YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers**

Flake, Sharon. *Who Am I Without Him?*

Gottlieb, Andrew. *In the Paint: Tattoos of the NBA and Stories Behind them.*

Heimberg, Jason and Justin Heimberg. *The Official Movie Plot Generator: 27,000 Hilarious Movie Plot Combination.*

Kenner, Rob and George Pitts. *VX: 10 Years of Vibe Photography.*

Klancher, Lee. *Monster Garage: How to Customize Damn Near Everything.*

Riley, Andy. *The Book of Bunny Suicides.*

Shaw, Tucker. *Confessions of a Backup Dancer.*

Sleator, William. *The Boy Who Wouldn't Die.*

Takaya, Natsuki. *Fruits Basket Series.*

Woods, Brenda. *Emako Blue.*

**Fun Web Site**— Teen Mystery Scripts-  
[www.planolibrary.org/children/TeenMysteryResource.htm](http://www.planolibrary.org/children/TeenMysteryResource.htm).

## Book Reviews

By Joan Chesley, Keene Memorial Library, Fremont

**Baby James, the Smartest Baby in the Whole World** by Simon James, Candlewick Press, 0-7636-2507-8. Baby Brains really is the smartest baby in the whole world. Mr. and Mrs. Brains read to their baby even before he was born. They even turned up the television when the news was on. When Baby Brains finally did arrive, he was everything his parents planned for. On his first morning home, he was reading the newspaper. By that afternoon, he was fixing their car. Before long he asked to go to school, to college the next day. In two weeks he began the medical profession and worked at the local hospital where he was very popular. NASA needed him so he volunteered to go into space, but once there in the vastness above the earth Baby Brains decided he needed what every other baby needed, his mother.

This is the funniest book, and parents of the children at story time just love it. The kids just sit there.

**Guji, Guji**, by Chih-Yan Chen, Kane Miller, 1-929132-67-0. Can a mother turn away from a baby's needs? Certainly not, even if the mother is a duck and the baby is an unknown egg. The egg was larger than the rest in the nest but Mother Duck, being an avid reader and in the middle of an absorbing book didn't notice. The new baby hatched and joined his brothers and sisters do what ducks do, diving, swimming, waddling. But fate intervened and Baby Guji Guji met someone who looked just like him, a crocodile. Now Guji Guji had to decide if he was to be a good crocodile or a bad duck. Leading his duck family to the place where the crocodiles waited for their fat duck dinner, Guji Guji



wins over his audience, stays loyal to his duck family and the ducks are saved.

The simple illustrations along with a sympathetic hero are a win-win proposition for this to be a great read-aloud.

**Serious Trouble** by Arthur Howard Scholastic, 0-439-71831-7. King Olaf and Queen Olive were such serious people that when they were blessed with a son, they named him Ernest, thinking that this child would be everything they were and more. But Ernest seemed to be not serious at all. Ernest wanted to be a jester. King Olaf was outraged; this was no time to be funny. A fire breathing, people eating, three headed dragon was threatening the kingdom. Ernest goes out to meet the three headed tyrant and try as he might, he can't make any of the three heads laugh. When it finally looks like Ernest is doomed, he has one more idea.

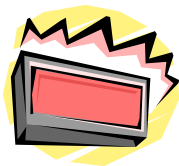
If you're looking for dragon deeds books for the summer, you might want to check into this one. Mine was free when Sherrie Wilkerson from Scholastic stopped by; maybe she has one for you.

The Next CLICK Meeting will  
be August 1st at the Sump  
Memorial Library in  
Papillion. The topic is a  
Surprise!!!

### Listen UP

Audiobooks, over 700 of them (fiction and nonfiction) are the latest addition to Omaha Public Library's electronic collection and they are downloadable with your library card. Click on the Audiobooks link at [omahapubliclibrary.org](http://omahapubliclibrary.org).

## Announcements



### Storytelling Festival

The Nebraska Storytelling Festival is June 9-12 at Westside High School in Omaha. This three-day event is sponsored by Nebraska StoryArts and School District 66. You can find information on workshops and a registration form on their website <http://www.nebraskastoryarts.org>. Storytellers are available to perform at other locations before the festival. Check the list of tellers and available times by clicking on the Book-A-Teller tab. If you have questions contact Gail Teten at 402-551-4532 or [gteten@tconl.com](mailto:gteten@tconl.com).

### Can I Show This Movie

If you are planning to show a video or DVD for summer reading be sure to check the Movie Licensing USA websites at [www.movlic.com](http://www.movlic.com) and click on public libraries button and then on select the movie search link. You can search by title to see if it is covered by the license agreement. The current one is good through September 30, 2005 and the Nebraska Library Commission plans to look into continuing some type of movie performance license for public libraries after the expiration of this one. Remember—movies not under this agreement can't be shown at the library.

### Nominations Wanted

The NLA Special & Institutional Section invites you to nominate a colleague of library for the S & I Promotional Award this year. The award recognizes outstanding achievements in marketing/promotion of services in Nebraska's special and institutional libraries. Winners may be either special libraries or employees of special libraries. Nominations are due August 1st. Go to the S & I website for more information: <http://www.nol.org/home/NLA/SANDI/specialaward.html>.

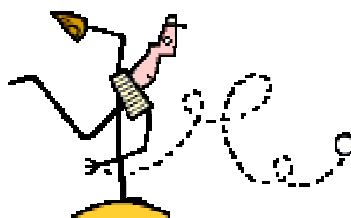
### Database Roadshow

The 8th Annual Database Roadshow has been scheduled for 2005. These 5-hour demonstrations provide a great overview of the state-funded databases available through NebaskAccess. You will have hands-on time to practice. Be sure to bring questions. The sessions are from 9 am—3 pm

with an hour for lunch on your own. The dates and locations are:

- Broken Bow - July 13
- Columbus - June 15
- Elkhorn - July 27
- Hastings - July 12
- Lincoln - August 10
- North Platte - June 9
- Scottsbluff - June 30

For more information and to register go to: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess/toolbox/roadshow.html>.



### Take Me Out to the Ballgame

The Omaha Royals are donating two \$1,000

prizes to be used towards one of Nebraska's College Savings Plans. Students who complete their library's summer reading club requirements will be entered into a drawing at their local library. At the end of July, each library will draw five names which will be submitted to the State Treasurer's Office for the final statewide drawing. Two winners, along with their parents and their local library, will be notified in August. You must send in the five winners' names by **August 1, 2005** to:

Nebraska State Treasurer's Office  
Attn: Rachel Rezabek  
Room 2003, State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509.

You can find the slips for the drawing and a poster for advertising on their website - [www.treasurer.state.ne.us](http://www.treasurer.state.ne.us)

- ☺ Tuesday, May 31, 2005, is the Library Day Kick-Off Celebration at Elmwood Park in Omaha from 6-8 pm.
- ☺ The Library Day Finale Game is scheduled for Sunday, August 14, 2005, 1:35 pm at Omaha's Rosenblatt Stadium.



# FYI

## HeritageQuest Training Sessions

Training is being offered for HeritageQuest Online, the database for genealogical searches and information. Library staff and media specialists are invited to attend. Kimberly Bastian, ProQuest trainer is offering two sessions. They are free and you may register at <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess/toolbox/hqtraining.html>.

1. June 13th, 1:30-3 pm at the Nebraska Library Commission, Heron Room, 1200 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln.
2. June 17th, - 10-11:30 am at the University Library—University of Nebraska at Omaha, Room 204, 6001 Dodge Street, Omaha.

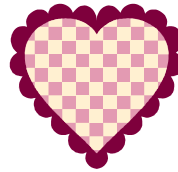
## New Administrator in RVLS

The Republican Valley Library System is delighted to announce that Sherry Houston has accepted the position of Administrator. Sherry will start work on June 1 after she finishes her year as the Media Specialist at Sutton Public Schools. She was employed by Sutton Public Schools for 21 years as the K-12 Media Specialist. In 1994, Sherry received her Master's in Library Science from Emporia State University, and says "even though I used my training in a variety of ways in the public school setting, I am delighted to work within the Republican Valley Library System where my skills and knowledge will be even more challenged." Sherry and her husband Barry have lived in the Harvard area for 30 years and have three grown daughters.

Even though her predominant experience is in the public school setting, Sherry has worked in a small public library in St. Paul, Nebraska; college libraries at Nebraska Wesleyan and the School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, South Dakota; and is even the librarian for her weaving group.

*Welcome*

**Plan now** to attend the 2005 Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association Fall Conference. It will be held at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln from September 28-30, 2005. This year's theme is:



**Libraries:  
Heart & Soul  
of Communities**

## New AccuCut Dies

The Eastern Library System has purchased four new dies just in time for summer reading program. They are:

- ✂ Friendly Dragon
- ✂ Knight on horse
- ✂ Castle
- ✂ Crown
- ✂ Wizard

We also have a new LIBRARY die thanks to Joy Winkler! And we have a small die that will make confetti. Call the System Office if you would like to borrow these or any of our dies. Or you can send paper and we will cut them out for you.

## WINE & WHIMSY - Great Fun



## Worth Checking Out



### ¡Bienvenidos a la Biblioteca!

Do you need Spanish signage translation for your library? The Texas State Library and Archives Commission has their new online Signage Library that provides translations of common library signs both for an Adult Library and a Children's Library in Spanish. Visit this great resource at [www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/projects/bilingualsign/index.html](http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/projects/bilingualsign/index.html).

### Value-Added Bookmarks

Bob Boyce, reference librarian at Lincoln City Libraries, has a good suggestion for letting the public know the value of the services received from public libraries. Boyce's idea is to give a patron a different-colored bookmark, each with a message about the value of what patrons are borrowing and describing the various things the library offers—book, videos, internet access, reference service, CDs, DVDs, and storytimes. When patrons check out three items, they get a bookmark proclaiming, “\$30-\$80 is the average value of what you’ve borrowed today!” If they check out four to eight items, their bookmark would read, “\$100-\$200 is the average value.”

[Seen in *American Libraries*, April 2005]

### Policies or Procedures?

“Creating Policies for Results” was the title of a session at the 2005 PLA Symposium last month in Chicago. Presenter June Garcia along, with Sandra Nelson, are co-authors of the ALA book of the same title. Garcia said that you need to be sure that policies are policies and not procedures. She gave these definitions:

- A policy answers the question WHY. It often includes the library name, especially if it will be used on its own.
- A regulation answers the question WHAT. It defines and clarifies the policy.
- A procedure answers the question HOW. It describes what to do, often in an outline format.
- A guideline is a description of the BEST PRACTICE.

All of these should be written so that staff and customers would understand them. [The system office has a copy of *Creating Policies for Results* you may interlibrary loan. Give us a call at 800-627-7884 or 330-7884.

### Tech Tip

*PC Magazine* offers these good tips when sending a message to multiple recipients and you want to conceal their e-mail addresses. The To and Cc fields are no use here, but Bcc (Blind carbon copy) will do the trick. Open a New Message (window Create Message in Outlook Express) and look at the headers. If you see a Bcc field, you're all set, just enter the addresses. If you don't see a Bcc field, click on the View menu and check All Headers. (Outlook Express, click on the Book icon beside either the To or Cc fields.)

A message with a blank To field is a red flag for antispam programs. Put your own e-mail address in the To field and recipients' addresses in the Bcc box. Send the message normally, and rest easy: your mail is on the way, but your distribution list is safe.

### Audiobooks by Subscription

If you can't keep audiobooks on the shelf and customers are asking for more, consider subscribing to downloadable audiobook collection Through a partnership with Recorded Books, OCLC's Net Library platform now offers the latest best-sellers, book club favorite, award-winning authors, and more, all in audiobook format. A simplified annual subscription bases collection prices on library size and anticipated circulation requirements. You pay once for an annual subscription and block of checkouts that match your circulation trends or population you serve. You can view choose from three Downloadable Audiobooks collections which are available for viewing at [www.oclc.org/audiobooks/titlelists/default.htm](http://www.oclc.org/audiobooks/titlelists/default.htm). These audiobooks will download or play on any desktop or laptop running supported media software and operating systems. You can also transfer your favorite titles to portable music players, portable media centers, Pocket PCs, and even select smartphone devices.

If you need more information or you want to order, contact Shannon Behrhorst at the Nebraska Library Commission at 800-307-2665. Just think, no more damaged or missing tapes!

### My Antonia

Thanks to NLC, system office now has a video copy of the film *My Antonia* to lend to libraries. The video comes with public performance rights. Give us a call to borrow this tape.

**Eastern Library System Board Minutes**  
March 18, 2005  
Omaha Public Schools TAC Center



Present: Sam McMullen, Denise Lawver, Nina Little, Lori Long, Jim Bothmer, Lynn Schnoor, Becky Pasco, Tammy Lorenz, Kathy Tooker, Nancy Meyer.

Jeanne Hauser from the *Omaha World Herald* was out guest. Jeanne discussed the diverse array of services that she and her five data editors and photo librarians offer the reporters, editors and other employees. Public access to these resources are available through Library Link at 444-1014.

Lori Long moved and Becky Pasco seconded to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2005, meeting. Motion carried.

Denise Laver moved and Nina Little seconded approval of the January and February, 2005, treasurer's report. They will be filed for audit.

Kathy Tooker read a thank you note from Ruth Godbey.

Administrator's Report: See written report.

**Committee Reports:**

Continuing Education—Youth services grants were awarded to:

- ✓ Baright Public Library, Ralston—Diversify Summer Reading Program, Literature and Art.
- ✓ Agnes Robinson Waterloo Public Library—Collection Development: Encouraging Children and Youth to Read.

Technology Committee—The committee had not met, but there are several workshops coming up this spring—check the ELS website for details.

Nominating Committee—Becky Sims, Lupe Meier and Sam McMullen have agreed to run for re-election. Tammy Lorenz is looking for candidates for Cuming County and Sam is working on a Washington County candidate.

Ad-Hoc Fundraising Committee—Wine & Whimsy Wine Tasting Fundraiser will be held on May 6th. Board members are asked to attend and bring friends.

**Old Business**

1. Trustee Survey, Lynn Bradman. Kathy discussed highlights from Lynn's report. Information from this study will be used to develop in-service and training for Nebraska library trustees.

**New Business:**

1. State Advisory Council on Libraries—Jim Bothmer attended and gave a report of highlights.
2. Spring Fling—check the ELS website for details.
3. System Plan—Kathy reported that she is working on the system plan.
4. ELS Board celebrated Kathy Tooker's birthday with hats and ice cream bars.



Denise Lawver moved and Nina Little seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting  
May 20, 2005  
Scribner Public Library

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Pasco, ELS Secretary

# NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Registration opens April 11, 2005

*LIBR 1110 ADMINISTRATION OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ENVIRONMENTS*

3 Semester Hours / 4.5 Quarter Hours

Online

Fall Term, 2005

August 22, 2005 – December 16, 2005

This course is designed to introduce the student to administration issues in library and information environments.

Topics include:

- Governance & Legal Structure
- Planning & Evaluation
- Budgeting
- Policies & Procedures
- Cooperation
- Marketing & Advocacy
- Facilities
- Personnel Issues
- Management



Face to face meetings will be held in September & December.

Locations and dates to be determined after class begins.

*Requirement for the Library Technology Assistant Associate of Arts Degree option  
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*Prerequisite: LIBR 1010 Introduction to Library and Information Services, from Metropolitan Community College (Omaha)  
which may be taken at the same time,  
or with instructor approval.*

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**INTRODUCTION TO TECHNICAL SERVICES  
CATALOGING  
LIBR-2400  
Online  
Fall Semester, 2005  
August 22 – December 17**

Upon the completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- ✓ Describe various functions/policies of a library's technical services department
- ✓ Know cataloging and processing terminology
- ✓ Apply basic understanding of descriptive cataloging
- ✓ Apply basic understanding of subject heading lists
- ✓ Explain structures of classification systems
- ✓ Perform copy cataloging using MARC records
- ✓ Apply principles of library processing
- ✓ Perform original cataloging of materials
- ✓ Understand retrospective conversion of a catalog



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Starting September 6, 2005.....

# **LIBR 1010 XW Introduction to Library and Information Services**

4.5 Quarter Hours

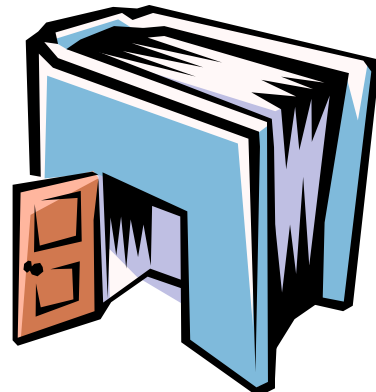
Fall Quarter

September 6, 2005 - November 22, 2005

Orientation - September 10, 2005

This course is designed to provide the student with a broad overview of the library and information science profession. It will include:

- ✓ A history of libraries
- ✓ An introduction to various types of libraries
- ✓ Procedures and tools used in libraries
- ✓ An introduction to the vocabulary, literature, current issues and professional associations of the field
- ✓ The role of the Library Technical Assistant in library and information environments



*This course is a requirement for the Library Technical Assistant program that will be offered through the Nebraska Community Colleges*

Interested? Call Metro Community College Today:

Gretchen Schaeffer, Academic Advisor

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*General registration for Fall 2005 term begins in May.  
Registration will close one week before the class begins.*

# Mad Hatter Award 2005

Presented by Child's World and the School, Children's and Young People's Section of NLA

**PURPOSE** To recognize an individual member of the Nebraska Library Profession who has made an outstanding contribution to School, Children and Young People's librarianship and library development.

**CRITERIA** Individual nominated should have demonstrated achievements in the following areas:

1. Imaginative interpretation of library services
2. Development of innovative and creative programming for children and young adults
3. Demonstration of professional contributions to regional, state, and national library organizations, publications, and/or presentations.

\*Nominee **MUST** be a member of the School, Children's and Young People's Section of NLA.

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Present address)

Nominee's library affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach sheets describing the achievements of your nominee. **All three criteria listed above must be addressed in your nomination.** You should include documentation in the form of several support letters from staff, parents, board members or others, each letter identifying the writer as to what role they play in libraries and their relationship to the nominee. It is highly recommended that photos of the person working with patrons be submitted as well as samples of programs, creativity, etc. that this person has done. Any documentation or detail that you can send supporting your nominee's qualifications and that assist the Mad Hatter Committee in making a judgment will be very helpful. Make sure all professional leadership is noted, especially SCYP membership. Using letter or essay format, follow these three headings:

1. Interpreting library services to the community
2. Developing innovative programming
3. Demonstrating professional leadership

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: I am a \_\_\_\_\_ Member of NLA \_\_\_\_\_ School Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_ Public Library Administrator

Please return the nomination form and supporting materials by **August 1, 2005** to  
Kay Paulsen, Lux Middle School, 7800 High Street, Lincoln, NE 68506.



## Upcoming Events

**May 17**—Book-in-Print Training at the W. Dale Clark, Omaha Public Library, 1:30—3 pm. Contact: Jeanette Powell: 800-307-2665; jpowell@nlc.state.ne.us.

**May 20**—ELS Board Meeting at Scribner Public Library, 9:30 am.

**May 27**—NLA C&U Section/Technical Services Roundtable Joint Spring Meeting at Doane College, Crete. Contact: Siobhan Champ-Blackwell, 402-280-4156, 800-338-7657; siobhan@creighton.edu.

**June 3**—ELS Annual Meeting at the LaVista Public Library. (See flyer this issue).

**June 13**—Bricks n' Boards Workshop at Concordia College, York. (See flyer this issue).

**June 24-29**—ALA Annual Conference, Chicago.

**July 6**—DIRECT Meeting. Location to be announced later.

**July 15**—ELS Board Meeting—Location to be announced later.

**July 21**—NEBASE Annual Meeting in Lincoln.

**July 25-29**—Library Leadership Institute at St. Benedict's Retreat Center, Schuyler

**July 29-30**—Library Leadership Alumni Reunion. Contact System Office for more information.

**August 1**—CLICK Meeting at Sump Memorial Library, Papillion, 9:30 am.

*For more information on any of these events, call the System Office.*

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